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1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT SUB-GROUP MET JANUARY 6 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF SCHMIDT-KUESTER. LEAD COUNTRY/AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES WERE ESTABLISHED FOR NINE PRIORITY PROJECTS. NEXT R&D SUB-GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 20. END SUMMARY

2. MEETING DEVOTED ESSENTIALLY TO SELECTION OF LEAD COUNTRY AND MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN 10 PRIORITY R&D AREAS PROVISIONALLY AGREED UPON AT ECG (ECG/ERG/36 AND IEA/SLT(74)7.) ALL ORIGINAL LEAD RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING JOINT R&D PROGRAMS WERE RETAINED EXCEPT THAT, IN RESPONSE FRG PROPOSAL, U.S. LEADERSHIP FOR FUSION AND FRG LEAD FOR HYDROGEN PROJECTS WERE SWITCHED TO EEC. (FRG SUGGESTED EEC TAKE LEAD BECAUSE OF EXISTING COMMUNITY EXPERTISE FOR COORDINATION IN THESE TWO AREAS.) LEAD ASSIGNMENTS NOW ARE: COAL TECHNOLOGY (UK); SOLAR ENERGY (JAPAN); RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (NEA); CONTROLLED THERMO-NUCLEAR FUSION (EEC); PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN FROM WATER (EEC); NUCLEAR SAFETY (US); WASTE HEAT UTILIZATION (FRG); CONSERVATION OF ENERGY (US), MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE UTILIZATION (NETHERLANDS).

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT MEETINGS OF EXPERTS IN THESE AREAS WOULD BE CALLED BY RESPECTIVE LEAD COUNTRY IN VERY NEAR FUTURE SO THAT REPORTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF R&D SUB-GROUP NOW SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 20. LOCALE OF MEETINGS WILL BE IN PARIS, EXCEPT FOR COAL TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL BE IN LONDON OR PARIS, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY WHICH WILL BE IN IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO. AT SUGGESTION OF U.S., DECISION WAS DELAYED ON ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TENTH ECG RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS. ECG HAD RECOMMENDED OECD ASSUME LEAD ON THIS SUBJECT. (FYI: U.S. DELEGATION FELT DECISION ON THIS PROJECT NOT SUBSTANTIVELY REQUIRED AT THIS TIME AND ASSIGNMENT OF LEAD TO OECD MIGHT SET INOPPORTUNE PRECEDENT. END FYI) LIST OF MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR EACH PROJECT AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECT LEADERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY BY IEA SECRETARIAT.

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4. BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO QUESTION OF FUNDING, WITH UK SUGGESTING THAT BURDENS SHOULD BE SHARED EQUITABLY OVER ENTIRE LIST OF PROJECTS AND THAT DECISIONS ARE NECESSARY ON TOTAL FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE THERE CAN BE REAL MOVEMENT IN EACH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AREA. CHAIRMAN REPLIED THAT WHILE THIS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE AND

HE DOUBTED ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING UP PROGRESS IN EACH
SUB-AREA UNTIL OVERALL APPROACH TO BURDEN-SHARING
AGREED UPON. ISSUE WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED BUT IT CLEAR
THAT SOME OF MEMBERS WILL BE RELUCTANT TO SHARE R&D
INFORMATION WHICH THEY HAVE DEVELOPED, AND ARE PRESENTLY
EXPANDING, IN CERTAIN AREAS UNLESS THEY ARE CONVINCED
THEY WILL RECEIVE OFFSETTING BENEFITS THROUGH RECEIPT
OF INFORMATION IN OTHER AREAS.

5. AT SMALL PRIVATE DINNER WITH SECRETARIAT
OFFICIALS AND U.S. AND JAPANESE PERMDEL REPS, HOSTED BY
DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL WOOTTON, SCHMIDT-KUESTER
PRESSED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF IEA R&D SUPPORTING GROUP
THROUGH THE CONVERSION OF NEA TO ERDA AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR OSHIMA
SUGGESTED THAT MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE WAS
TO GET R&D WORK UNDER WAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SINCE

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IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO GET IEA APPROVAL FOR ERDA
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PROPOSAL, HE BELIEVED BEST APPROACH WAS TO LEAVE QUESTION OF FORMAL STRUCTURE IN ABEYANCE UNTIL EXACT NATURE OF R & D WORK IS MORE CLEAR. OSHIMA SUGGESTED THAT, IN INTERIM, AN R & D TASK FORCE BE ESTABLISHED DRAWING ON EXISTING EXPERTISE IN SECRETARIAT AND IN CAPITALS. (GOJ WOULD BE PREPARED TO DETAIL OFFICIALS TO TASK FORCE). SCHMIDT-KOESTER SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH TASK FORCE CONCEPT AS LONG AS PRIOR AGREEMENT REACHED THAT ERDA WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ADOPTED. IEA DIRECTOR LANTZKE MADE CLEAR, AS HE HAS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO ASSUME OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR R & D WORK AND THEREFORE FAVORS ERDA PROPOSAL. (NOTE: THERE WAS NO MEETING OF MINDS ON THIS ISSUE AND IT IS APPARENT THAT DIVERGENCIES WITHIN SECRETARIAT STILL EXIST ON THIS ISSUE).

IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSING PRIORITIES AMONG 9 PROJECTS WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS. IEA DIRECTOR LANTZKE SUGGESTED IDENTIFICATION OF TWO PROJECTS, BEFORE MARCH 31, AS HAVING HIGH POLITICAL IMPACT, AND INITIATION AT THAT TIME OF APPROPRIATE DEMONSTRATION PHASE OF PROJECTS. TURNER

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